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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Vere Hodge et al.	25 September 1998
Serial No.:	08/945,249	Group Art Unit No.: 1614
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For:	Use of (R)-Penciclovir Triphosphate for the Manufacture of a Medicament for the Treatment of Viral Diseases	

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

EXTENSION OF TIME PETITION

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for response from the date of the Examiner's action as needed, the fee being as follows:

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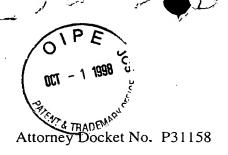Registration No. 33,680

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PCT/EP96/01706	April 23, 1996	April 24, 1995

TITLE OF INVENTION

Use of (R)-Penciclovir Triphosphate for the Manufacture of a Medicament for the Treatment of Viral Diseases

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<div align="center">PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</div>

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be made of record prior to examination of the above-cited application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 4 (amended). [A] The method [, composition, or use] according to Claim 1 [, 2, or 3] wherein the (R)-PCV-TP is in the form of a bioprecurser which is a derivative of (R)- PCV-MP which liberates intracellularly (R)-PCV-MP which is in turn converted to (R)-PCV-TP.

Claim 5 (amended). A compound which is a bioprecurser of (R)-PCV-TP [, for use in the method, use, or composition according to claim 1, 2, 3, or 4].

Please add the following claim:

Claim 8. The composition according to Claim 3 wherein the (R)-PCV-TP is in the form of a bioprecurser which is a derivative of (R)- PCV-MP which liberates intracellularly (R)-PCV-MP which is in turn converted to (R)-PCV-TP.

Claim 9. The compound according to Claim 5 wherein the bioprecurser h is a derivative of (R)- PCV-MP which liberates intracellularly (R)-PCV-MP which is in turn converted to (R)-PCV-TP.

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Claim 10. The compound according to Claim 7 which is a PL-ASOR derivative.

Claim 11. The compound according to Claim 7 which is a phospholipid derivative.

Claim 12. The compound according to Claim 7 which is a (R)-MP Bis(POM) derivative.

Claim 13. The compound according to Claim 7 which is a (R)-MP diphenyl ester derivative.

Claim 14. The compound according to Claim 7 which is a dimyristoylglycerol diphosphate derivative.

REMARKS

Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to correspond more closely to U.S. practice, and Claims 8 to 14 have been added. Support for the newly added claims lie in originally filed claims, and are added to correspond to U.S. practice. No new matter is believed added.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number below. If any additional fees or charges are required by this paper the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit account 19-2570 accordingly.

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 3 August 1998, having a shortened
statutory period of thirty (30) days, please enter the following Remarks and Amendments
into the record. Also enclosed herewith is a petition for a one (1) month extension of the
shortened statutory period set by the Examiner and authorization to charge the required fee
to the indicated deposit account.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 1 (amended).   A method of treatment of:

i)   HIV-1 infections in mammals, including humans; or

ii) HBV infections in mammals, including humans;

which method comprises the administration to the human in need of such treatment, an

effective amount of the (R)-enantiomer of the triphosphate of a compound of formula (A):